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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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DAMASCUS FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJ: SECRETARY/SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE

REF: SECTO 08026

1. AMBASSADOR SPOKE TWICE MORNING OF AUGUST 3 WITH COURT CHIEF SHARAF CONCERNING SECRETARY/SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE. FIRST WAS PRIOR TO REFTEL BEING AVAILABLE. SHARA THEN INDICATED THAT SYRIA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH IDEA AND THAT JORDANIAN POSITION CERTAINLY NOT FIRM.

2. SECOND CONVERSATION PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO PASS INFORMATION REFTEL. SHARAF REACTION
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WAS THAT JORDAN HAD ASSUMED THAT PROPOSAL WAS ONE WHICH U.S. WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH OTHERS. HE INDICATED HE ALSO ASSUMED THAT DATE MENTIONED FOR MEETING (SEPTEMBER) KEYED TO AVAILABILITY OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN U.S. FOR UNGA. HE SOUGHT OUR CLARIFICATION THAT CURRENT PROPOSAL WAS EGYPTIAN SUGGESTIONS, AND DRAWING ON REFTEL

WE PROVIDED INFORMATION THAT IT WAS AN EGYPTIAN SUGGESTION AND DISTINGUISHED IT FROM SIMILAR PROPOSAL MADE IN SECRETARY'S LAST FRIDAY PRESS CONFERENCE BY NOTING THIS WAS REVIVED EGYPTIAN PROPOSAL PREVIOUSLY MADE LAST FEBRUARY.

3. SHARAF THANKED US FOR CLARIFICATION AND SAID KING WILL LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING IT WITH THE SECRETARY ON FRIDAY. HE ALSO ASKED US TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH AS VISIT UNFOLDS WHICH WE PROMISED TO DO.

4. COMMENT: TOO EARLY TO PREDICT JORDANIAN FINAL REACTION TO IDEA. THEY WILL WANT TO HEAR FROM US FIRST. FACT THAT THIS IS EGYPTIAN IDEA WILL, THEY FEEL, RAISE QUESTIONS OF ITS ACCEPTABILITY BY SYRIA AND HENCE TO A LESSER EXTENT HER. THEY OBVIOUSLY WILL ALSO WISH TO HEAR FROM US AND FROM DAMASCUS OF ASAD'S VIEWS BEFORE GIVING ANY FURTHER REACTION. PICKERING

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